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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CH, US

SUBJECT: SIGNING OF CHINESE CONDOLENCE BOOK IN MOSCOW

1. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY DID NOT RECEIVE PRC EMBASSY NOTE ON CHAIRMAN MAO'S DEATH, INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH CHINESE INDICATED THAT THEY HAD NO OBJECTION TO U.S. DIPLOMATS SIGNING CONDOLENCE BOOK.

2. ACCORDINGLY, AMBASSADOR STOESSEL AND EMBOFF WENT TO SIGN THE BOOK ON SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11. CHINESE CHARGE WANG CHIN-CHING AND SIX MEMBERS OF PRC EMBASSY STAFF WERE PRESENT TO SHAKE HANDS AFTER SIGNING. OTHER EMBOFFS ON A PERSONAL BASIS WENT TO SIGN ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

3. THE CONDOLENCE BOOK WAS LOCATED NEAR MIDDLE OF THE LARGE RECEPTION ROOM OF THE PRC EMBASSY. AT THE FRONT WAS A LARGE PORTRAIT OF CHAIRMAN MAO WREATHED IN BLACK WITH EVERGREEN PLANTS BELOW AND ON EITHER SIDE. FUNERAL MUSIC PLAYED QUIETLY THROUGH LOUDSPEAKERS,
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AND THE CHINESE OFFICIALS STOOD NEAR THE FRONT ON THE

LEFT SIDE. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS TOMB-LIKE.
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